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Sent: Fri, 4 Feb 2022 14:25:21 +0000
To: Carvalho, Louis; Ferguson, Patricia K; Ferguson, John R; Le, Phong N
Subject: Re: Confederation Park

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I did that already. There is a plan developed through NCRCC to support removal at 11.

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Hi DC. We will discuss this situation further this morning, but we may need help from our exec to reach out to Mr. Nussbaum.

Cheers

Louis

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Jamie,

Can we talk about a plan for this? Would like your thoughts. I will reach out to Mr. Nussbaum for their perspective and let you know.

Trish

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Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022, 6:36 a.m.
To: Sheehy, Marc-Andre P; Ferguson, Patricia K; Bell, Steve
Cc: Burnett, Paul A; Steinbachs, John; Rheaume, Christopher; Huneault, Christiane
Subject: Re: Confederation Park

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MA - excellent work by you, Isabelle, the PLT and others involved- excellent briefing note as well

Trish - ensure Tobi Nussbaum from NCR is contacted to get directions re removal of this encampment - ensure we engage local elders in any plans and negotiations. This appears to be an unlawful and dangerous encampment but we need NCR authority to act

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Subject: Re: Confederation Park

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Chief, DC Bell and DC Ferguson,

Tonight, following DC Ferguson's request, I attended the Confederation Park to assess the situation and evaluate what could be done tonight to prevent the construction of structures to take place.

Before I went, I enquired from officers that had attended the Confederation Park yesterday during the day to understand the situation and what to expect.

I was provided a contact person name (REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED) for this project. I was also informed that officers whom attended the Confederation Park site today were not well received by some folks forming the group. It was described to me as intimidating and reluctance to cooperate with OPS. However, with the assistance at the time of Conservation Officers (CO), OPS PLT managed to keep the tension down as the CO were welcome. I was highly recommended to attend with a number of officers for officer safety purposes.

I then contacted REDACTED directly and he accepted to meet with me. He appeared welcoming over the phone.

I formulated a plan, which included having Tactical on stand-by (out of sight) in case the situation would escalate.

Accompanied by another officer, I attended the site and had a long conversation with REDACTED.

REDACTED informed me about his organisation's mission and that he follows protests and demonstrations across the country. He classifies his group as a pacific group there to promote freedom and there to assist the ones in quest for same.

His group is called: Appel à la liberté (Call for freedom) - see photos attached.

In a nutshell, the group's current intention is to feed a group of approximately 2500 protesters arriving in town tomorrow. They want to do so as he claims they did for the protesting truckers for the past 8 days.

RED also admitted his group has been involved in carrying diesel fuel and gasoline with jerry cans and wheelbarrows to help the truckers fill their trucks up over the past few days.

Intel on this group coming to Ottawa:

They are expecting 2500 protesters. They are coming to protect the truckers as they have been victim of abuse by certain people not agreeing with their cause. Their intention is to walk the streets of downtown tomorrow and fraternize with the protesting truckers; allie with them. They will try to park their personal vehicles at the Lynx stadium or at another arranged parking place in Gatineau (cross the bridge on foot).

RED's group (Appel a la liberte) wants to take care of those folks.

RED's group did not walk away from their intentions to complete the construction of their kitchen and to build Tipies.

RED also confirm for me that his intent is to load the wood structure (ie the kitchen) on a flatbed tomorrow to limit the negativity he has received about it. Once loaded, RED said that it will be mobile (and parked at the location where yhe shed is at the moment) and therefore not a concern for anyone anymore.

I observed on site (see photos):

- gasoline stocks were taken away
- propane stocks were taken away
- the construction of the wood shed (kitchen) was interrupted
- the wood shed is a prefab type
- a large stock of food is kept on site
- they currently occupy (with vehicles and the aforementioned shed) both sides of the street that is parallel to Rideau Canal at the East side of the Confederation Park.
- there is a clear lane in the middle where emergency vehicles and others can travel as they wish.
- A travel trailer is part of the vehicle fleet and may shelter some folks overnight (depending on the temperature).

RED claimed that firstaid professionals and psychologists form his group and that they will help whoever needs help during the protest.

Tomorrow, they want to feed those arriving protesters and anyone who will walk by the kitchen.

RED took great pride in his pacific mission and activities and showed me his phone contact list, which contained a large number of QPP (SQ), MTL Police, Quebec City Police and other contacts. He urged me to contact them so they could tell me what to expect of him and his group in Ottawa.

Other obtained Intel:

200 counterprotesters coming to city hall Saturday.

There is also a large protest happening in Quebec City tomorrow (truckers sympathizers).

RED will be available to meet with anyone from OPS tomorrow. He promised to me that OPS is welcome on his site and to not fear any negativity. He reiterated that he was welcome on this

land and has the approval from Chief Anderson to be there and has no intention to leave until the protest is over.

There is a significant amount of empty jerry cans in a pickup truck on site. I personally picked them up and confirmed they were all empty.

RED admitted to me that those jerry cans will be refilled tomorrow to further assist the truckers, but will not be kept full in the Confederation Park anymore.

Tonight, I did not have to stop any construction or other any bulding activities as they had already been interrupted by officers earlier during the day. I further felt it was not necessary and would have likely escalated the situation if I had chosen to have fences installed to prevent further construction. Furthermore, installing a fence without moving those vehicles out would ampiety onto the emergency lane.

RED promised to me that his group will not build tipies or any other structures tonight or before they speak with an OPS member tomorrow morning. However, he would not promise anything for tomorrow afternoon.

It appeared to me that some great OPS PLT work had already been done with **RED** today, which helped me completing this intel gathering and assesment work tonight. I suggest that this information gets passed on to NCRCC, Special Events and our PLT component for follow-up with **RED** early this morning.

I did not require Tactical's assistance and demobilized them immediately after my improvised meeting.

Respectfully,

M-A

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Chief,

I have been updated by Inspector Sheehy who is on the ground , that the famous wooden structure was to be a kitchen. With the tanks removed, they will not be able to pursue that avenue and had removed the tents that were to be used for people to eat in.

MA will update with further, but wanted you to be aware of this piece.

Trish

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From: Bell, Steve <BellS@ottawapolice.ca>

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Hi Isabelle,

Thanks for this very complete update.

Good job on this. I know that you had lots of questions and pressures around this.

Thank you for handling and managing it well.

Steve

Steve Bell

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DC Ferguson,

As requested, here is an overview of the situation and actions taken at Confederation Park so far tonight.

Situation update:

Information received from COT that there is a storage of diesel and propane tanks in Confederation Park.

1600 – Consulted with OFD Spec Ops Jim Andrews in NCRCC. Diesel and propane stored in approved containers. No imminent public safety risks. However, he indicated that the containers are not stored as per Fire code sections on fuel storage (liquid and compressed gas) regulation can be enforced. He also indicated that the transportation of diesel by trolley is a more serious violation that poses greater risks. PLT attended and advised the protesters to remove diesel and propane tanks. Demonstrators did not take action.

1719 - POU, Fire PLT attended Confederation Park to speak to protesters about removing the diesel and propane tanks. They were informed that the fuel and propane were stored unsafely and in contravention of the fire code. They were met with hostility and refused to demobilize the refueling station. A male identified himself as Elder Anderson and indicated that the structure and storage would remain as they were on unceded Algonquin territory. Further verifications about Elder Anderson were made by PLT Chris Lamarche and information received that he is from a group from Alberta and not a member of the Algonquin community.

Additional information received from Cst. Tyler McPhee that the Convoy organizers had told PLT members that they would no longer communicate directly with police and all communications with them would have to be directed to their lawyer RE REDA at REDACTED. (Unconfirmed)

1743 -PLT and NCC attended Confederation Park and advised NCC conservation officers attended NCC

1825 – POU monitoring the removal of diesel and propane tanks along with NCC conservation officers.

Additional information received that they are erecting Teepees and a medical tent tomorrow.

2105 – Confirmed from POU that diesel and propane completely removed. NCC satisfied with resolution. At this time, NCC officers have not requested the protesters to remove the wood structure or to vacate the park. The main concern tonight was to deal with the fuel and they are not concerned about the wood structure.

Report from NCC Senior conversation officer Alain Provonost is that the crowd was cooperative when dealing with NCC about the removal of the fuel containers and there was no issues. They are satisfied with the resolution for tonight and so is NCC upper management. NCC had discussions with demonstrator “ group lead” Ken about removing the structures tomorrow. The group leader indicated that he will discuss it with the group at their daily meeting at 10am. NCC will have officers present in the park at 0630 am tomorrow.

POU provided exceptional support this evening in resolving this situation.

I included the email receive earlier about NCC requesting OPS assistance. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Isabelle

FW: OPS support - clearing of Confederation Park - Feb 4th AM